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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

DAIS ET AL.

Examiner

William C Doerfler

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM
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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 January 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 35-71 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 35-44, 46-60 and 68-71 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 45 and 61-67 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 June 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 45,61,62 and 65 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Long et al (4,782,670) in view of either Mulawski or the Japanese reference.

Long et al discloses applicants' basic inventive concept, an inner container 22 permanently joined to an outer container 14 with a coolant sealed therebetween with a pressure relief means 33 on the outer container to vent undesired pressure from the coolant compartment, substantially as claimed with the exception of using a frangible portion of the container to vent the pressure. Mulawski and the Japanese reference (figure 4c) each show the venting of pressure using frangible walls to be old in the pressure relief art. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the

time of applicant's invention from the teaching of either Mulawski et al or the Japanese reference to modify the coolant container of Long et al by forming the pressure relief means as a frangible portion to provide pressure safety with a relatively smooth wall. In regard to claim 45, the frangible joined sections are seen as the change of position of disclosed parts, which is seen as obvious design choice. The teachings of Mulawski et al and the Japanese patent are seen as applicable to any portion of the device which will experience increased pressure.

Claims 64,64,66 and 67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Long et al in view of either Mulawski et al or the Japanese reference as applied to claims 45,61,62 and 65 above, and further in view of WO 93/24797 to Kouwenberg et al.

Long et al, as modified, discloses applicants' basic inventive concept, a cooling container with inner and outer containers with a coolant contained between the containers with a frangible pressure relief means, substantially as claimed with the exception of carboxymethylcellulose as the coolant. Kouwenberg et al show this feature to be old in the cooling container art. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicants' invention from the teaching of Kouwenberg et al to modify the cooling container of Long et al by using carboxymethylcellulose as the coolant to provide safe and effective cooling.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 35-44,46-60 and 68-71 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 45 and 61-67 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Jernberg, Wilson and Kays et al show frangible pressure relief devices.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).


A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William C Doerrler whose telephone number is (703) 308-0696. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 6:30-4:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Denise Esquivel can be reached on (703) 308-2597. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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